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LIEVANO AGUIRRE

PLEASE TRANSMIT SOONEST TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO
FROM THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

(A) AS YOU AND OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE
PREPARE TO GATHER NEXT WEEK IN QUITO FOR THE MEETING OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, I WANTED YOU
TO KNOW HOW MUCH I REGRET NOT BEING ABLE TO BE WITH YOU.

(B) UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS
HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES
ULTIMATELY FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE
SAME TIME, IT WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN
THAT I WOULD BE TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN
READILY UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING
THE AREA, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD
PEACE.

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(C) BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY

DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO
REPRESENT ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL

MAILLIARD. I HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM.
THEY WILL, OF COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE
IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM
THEM A FULL REPORT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN
THEY RETURN.

(D) I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS
AT THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I
ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE
FINAL RESULT.

BEST WISHES.

HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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